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Page 114 just that one? I'm trying to focus you just on the incident where Gerard Bailey allegedly said that he's the Grand Wizard and had concerns about you joining the gang unit because of issues that had occurred with your wife when you were at C-11?

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- O. And is there a reason that you didn't bring that up?
 - A. Maybe at the time I didn't think about it.
- O. Did you bring it up at any time after the meeting with Lieutenant French and the minority officers?
 - A. No, I did not.
- O. Did you bring it up at the meeting that was held at the Police Post on American Legion Highway?
 - A. No.
- Q. Did you bring it up at the Park Plaza training session that took place later, late spring, early summer of 2000?
 - A. No.
- Q. I think I had been asking you if you 22 believed that Sergeant Bulman was, didn't want to 23 work with you because you were black, and that you 24

B-3, Officer McLaughlin and Officer Long, and they were white officers, and he stated to us that we had to prove ourselves to remain in the unit.

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And I asked him the question, What did 4 you mean I have to prove myself, I didn't quite know 5 what that meant, you know, I have to prove myself; 6 and he didn't really elaborate on it. So I took it 7 as that he means that we have to work hard; you know, I don't know what he mean by that. And I 9 guess later on, about a week later, two weeks later 10 he made the same comment again to me that I had to 11

- prove myself to stay in the unit, so --12
- Q. I'm sorry? 13
 - A. No, go ahead.
- Q. When is the first time that Officer Bulman 15 said to you, Sergeant Bulman, rather, said to you 16 that you have to prove yourself to remain in the 17 18 unit?
- A. I would say that was probably the second 19 week that I was there. 20
- Q. Do you remember the day that you 21 transferred into the unit? 22
- A. I believe I came to the unit on a 23 Wednesday, I think, I'm not sure. 24

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stated to me that you had this conversation with Marissa Henderson regarding Gerard Bailey's comments; was that correct?

MR. ROACH: Objection.

Q. If it's not, I can go back; it's an awkward question.

MR. ROACH: Do you have another question for him?

Q. Are there any -- strike that. Did you have the belief that Sergeant Bulman was reluctant to work with you because you were black? And I'm focusing you again on August of 1999, when you entered the unit and felt that yourself, Officer Brito and Officer Horne were not given warrant apprehension work to do?

- A. I would say, yes.
- Q. And can you tell me why you believe that to be the case?

MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

A. Well, upon my arrival to the unit he made 20 a comment that you have to prove yourself to remain 21 in this unit. I also observed him make comments to 22

Officer Brito and Officer Horne that they were 23

24 taking the place of two other officers from Area

Q. In the beginning of the month, the end of 1 the month? I can check, I just don't know off the 2 top of my head. 3 4

A. The 11th of August.

Q. August 11th you transferred into the unit. So sometime in August Sergeant Bailey said to you, You're going to have to prove yourself to remain in the unit?

MR. ROACH: Sergeant Bulman.

- Q. Excuse me. Thank you. Sergeant Bulman?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In what context did this conversation take 12 13 place?

A. I'll be honest, I mean, I'm not being 14 honest, I think Sergeant Bulman said that to me, 15 when he said it to me, I thought he was a patrolman, 16 I didn't know he was a sergeant, because he had 17 never officially introduced himself to me as a 18 sergeant. 19 20

- Q. Is this the first face-to-face meeting that you had with Sergeant Bulman?
- A. Yes. 22
- Q. Who else was present? 23
 - A. I believe Officer Horne and Brito was,

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Page 140 Page 138 MS. TIERNEY: Yes, we agree. A. I can't, that I don't want to, I mean, I 1 1 Q. I think, Officer Brown, prior to lunch we 2 don't want to --2 were covering your career at the youth violence Q. I don't want you to guess. If you don't 3 3 strike force from August of 1999 when you 4 remember, that fine. 4 transferred into the unit and had talked about 5 A. I can't say that, no, I can't say one way 5 incidents from August to the end of the year -- or 6 or the other. 6 strike that. 7 MS. HARRIS: Why don't we break here 7 Aside from what we have spoken about 8 for a lunch break? 8 this morning, are there any other events that 9 (Recessed at 1:02.) 9 occurred between August of 1999 and the end of the 10 (Resumed at 2:03.) 10 year, in December of 1999, that stick out in your 11 MS. HARRIS: Just to reflect a 11 memory as being incidents involving racial conversation that we've had after lunch before going 12 12 discrimination or racial harassment, either of back on the record. We have agreed amongst 13 13 yourself, your colleagues, suspects or citizens that ourselves that we're going to reschedule the 30(b)6 14 14 currently scheduled for September 19th, the you encountered? 15 15 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead. continuing deposition of Deputy Foley, scheduled for 16 16 A. Yes, there were. There was an incident Wednesday, the 21st, and the deposition of 17 17 where a young black suspect had came up to 364 Superintendent Joyce currently scheduled for 18 18 Warren Street to retrieve some keys that he had left Thursday the 22nd. We're going to attempt to 19 19 complete the deposition of Foley and take Joyce's a day prior. 20 20 deposition the last week of September, pending their Q. He had left the day prior? 21 21 availability, and we have agreed to do the 30(b)6 A. Yes. 22 22 Q. Okay, sorry. deposition, if necessary, the first week of October. 23 23 A. And those keys had been confiscated from And we've also agreed that we will cooperate with 24 24 Page 141 Page 139 the suspect by Bailey and -- Officer Chris Bailey one another to the extent it's necessary to go over 1 into October to complete discovery. Fair enough? and Officer Steve Romano. 2 2 Q. Steve Romano? 3 MR. ROACH: I think that's right, and 3 A. Romano, I think that's how you pronounce I think I would make that the first two weeks of 4 4 his name, Romano. The suspect was brought up there October, rather than the first week of October, if 5 5 because of an FIO, a field interrogation 6 that's okay with you? 6 7 observation. MS. HARRIS: That's fine. 7 Q. He was brought to the base because of an 8 MR. ROACH: Just so it's clear, with 8 regard to the 30(b)6, the parties have also agreed 9 FIO? 9 A. Yes. that we will look at the deposition transcripts of 10 10 Q. Okay. Foley, French, Dowd and Joyce to see if there's some 11 11 A. And he had been transported from the area areas that we can agree that we don't need to 12 12 of Geneva Avenue and Toplift Street to the base by recover, but I'm reserving my right to still do the 13 13 Officer Romano and Officer Bailey, because I guess deposition if there's more questions I need to ask 14 14 he would not, he was walking up the street, up that haven't been covered in those depositions. And 15 15 Geneva Avenue, and the officer wanted to FIO, for that nobody is going to object, the parties will 16 16 whatever reason, they wanted to FIO him, it was, he agree that no one will object to doing discovery 17 17 refused to give a name of who he was. So after through the first and second weeks of October, even 18 18 awhile he went to the base, they let him go from the though the Court order told us that we're going to 19 19 limit it to, it's limited to the end of September. base. 20 20 The next day he came back to get his 21 MS. HARRIS: Okay. All set. 21 keys, and he was standing in the hallway at 364 MR. ROACH: Everybody is agreed to 22 22 Warren Street waiting for his keys. I went back 23 23 that? into the guard room to look for his keys. Officer 24 MS. HARRIS: That's fine.

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Bailey and Officer Romano were not present at that 1 time, so I went to look for his keys to give them to 2 him, and I could not find them. So I remembered, I 3 think Officer Bailey and Officer Romano had given 4 the keys to Officer Horne, who was off that day. So 5 Officer Horne had placed the keys someplace that I 6 couldn't locate them at the base. While this 7 gentleman was standing in the hallway Officer Ryan, 8 Officer Romano and Officer Bailey came into the 9 building, and they immediately started harassing him 10 in the hallway at 364 Warren Street. 11 12

Q. What were they doing?

A. Well, they start asking him information, Give me your name, give me your name, are you going to tell us your name; he never told us his name, to this day. I mean, we found out later what his name was. They continued to harass him, Give me your name; so they started slapping him around.

- Q. They started slapping him around?
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- Q. Physically hitting him? 21
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- by Officer Ryan, slapped him around, beating him up. 23
- And myself and Detective Chuck Collins observed what 24

fingerprint him, and, hopefully, he'll come up with 2

some kind of record. So they continued down there for awhile. Sergeant Davin sent me down. I went down,

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I spoke to the gentleman in the back seat. I asked 5 him how he was feeling, became a little friendly. 6

He finally told me his name, so he gave me his name. 7

I went back to the base and told Sergeant Davin what 8

his name was. I told him he gave me his name, so we 9

looked him up in the computer if that was actually 10 his name, and it was. I forgot his name right now. 11

And Sergeant Davin asked me to go down and book him. 12

I told him, you know, Unless you're ordering me to 13

do it, I'll do it, but if you're not ordering me, 14

I'm not going to arrest him for no apparent reason, 15 because we decide to jump on him because he came to 16 17

get some keys.

So Officer Ryan said he'll take the blame for it, because he led the gang unit, I took the blame for this. I don't know what happened, but we didn't arrest the suspect. I went back down and told Officer Bailey and Officer Romano what Sergeant Davin had said, and they brought him back to the

base, and they let him go.

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- was going on, and we were standing in the hallway. 1
- We ran out there and pulled them off. They were 2
- beating him up in the hallway of 364 Warren Street, 3
- jumping on the gentleman. He wasn't a suspect, came 4 at his own accord, but because he did not give them 5
- his name the day prior, they started to physically
- 6 abuse him. I mean, a young, black male, I didn't 7
- see no reason for that to occur. 8
 - Q. When did this happen?
 - A. This had to happen, I want to say it was

either the latter part, sometime, I want to say sometime between November of 2000 and March of 2001. 12

- I don't know the exact date. 13
 - Q. And how did this incident end?
 - A. Well, it ended by Sergeant Davin ordered Officer Bailey and Officer Romano to take the

16 suspect to Area B-2 and book him, arrest him, but 17

- when they got to Area B-2, they didn't know what to 18
- arrest him on; they had no reason to arrest him. So 19
- they were sitting down at Area B-2 with the 20
- gentleman there in the back seat of their car under 21
- arrest, but they didn't know what to arrest him on, 22
- I guess, still didn't give his information, only way 23
- 24 to get the information was to take him inside and

- Q. Okay. I'm going to make sure I understood. So Davin told you to arrest him, but you had no charges upon which to arrest him; right?
 - A. No, no.
 - Q. And you told Davin that you wouldn't arrest him unless you were given a direct order?
 - A. If you give me a direct order, give me a reason to arrest him, I would arrest him.
 - Q. And did Davin give you a reason to arrest him?
 - A. No, he did not.
- Q. And ultimately this individual was 12 released? 13
 - A. Yes, he was.
- O. Did you have any conversation with 15 Sergeant Davin about what had transpired? 16
 - A. Yes, yes, I did.
 - Q. And what was that conversation?
- A. Basically, I told him, you know, This is 19
- what occurs when we're ordered to go out and get 20 20 -- I mean, officers, we were told, he instructed 21
- officers to go out and get 20 FIOs a day. I told 22
- him that's what's happening when we go out in the 23
- black neighborhoods, in the communities, and start 24

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Page 146 harassing black youths, for no reason, other than walk up on them, won't give us their name. If they're doing something suspicious, we have a right 3 to detain them. If they're not doing anything, 4 they're not going to give us their names. I mean, we can sit there all day long, they're going to get 6 hostile with us, once they get hostile the officer is going to get hostile, and what that going to lead 8 to is a hostile situation, it happens all the time. 9

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So, to prevent that, you know, I think we should have a better approach, you know, upon our FIOs in the communities to prevent -- I said a lot of the youth are complaining that the police are coming in and harassing them, they just be walking the street, and we jump on them, stating that just because they're young, black kids, black youths, walking around with baggy pants, we just automatically assume that they're all gang members, and that's the wrong assumption to make. Every kid that's walking around in baggy pants and because they come from Dorchester High or Mattapan High doesn't mean they're necessarily a gang member.

Q. Now, is this what you were saying to Davin in this conversation?

Q. That was during this conversation?

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A. Yes.

Q. Is there any other incident that you can remember between August of 1999 and December of 1999, and, you know, I'm not going to hold you to these time frames, but just generally is there anything else in the fall that you recall that gave rise to concerns in your mind about racial harassment or racial discrimination against any person by members of the gang unit?

MR. ROACH: Including himself?

- Q. Including himself, any other person?
- A. Yes. I mean, as previously stated, when we first arrived at the unit --
- Q. Well, excuse me, just one second. I'm not going to ask you to repeat what you've already testified to at length this morning. I'm just checking to see if there's anything that we haven't spoken about.
- A. Yes. I observed, like I said, I saw it as being racial when the supervisor would take officers out and leave officers sitting in -- they would take white officers out, you know, on their warrant, like I said, warrant apprehensions, then leave other

- A. Well, that's the conversation we had, yes.
- O. And what did he say in response to these things that you were talking to him about?
- A. Well, I think he -- I don't know if he was very -- he may have -- I don't know what he was thinking.
 - Q. Well, what did he say?
- A. I don't know exactly what he said. I mean, here we are, you had a white officer jumping on a black youth for no apparent reason, witnessed by another white officer and myself, you know, you don't discipline him, you don't instruct him, you don't talk to him, nothing, I mean, you don't have no meeting.

MR. ROACH: Her question is what did Davin say to you.

- A. He didn't say much of nothing. He just left it alone, left it alone, just told me to go down and tell Chris Bailey and Steve Romano to let him go; that's what I did.
- Q. Did you tell Sergeant Davin your concerns about the interaction with the black youths in the neighborhoods?
 - A. Yes, I did.

black officers sitting inside, and the white officers is as new as I am, so if you can take him out with you, then you can take me out with you, I

mean, if you're teaching him and not teaching me, if 4 that's what it's supposed to be, a learning 5

experience, why would you take these new officers out and leave me sitting.

- Q. Who took new officers out on a learning experience?
- A. Well, like I said, we were a part of a warrant apprehension team, and, like I told you, we were never assigned warrants. But I came up there with Officer Langer and Officer McCarthy, myself, Officer Brito and Officer Horne. Officer Horne and Officer Brito and myself were black officers. Officer Langer and Officer McCarthy were white and Hispanic officers. I mean, you take them every morning out with you, serve warrants, and you leave us sitting inside with the other black State Police officers, and we're all just sitting.
- Q. So let me make sure I understand you. It's your testimony that when you came to the gang unit, black State Police officers who were working as a part of a task force with the gang unit, that's

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already told me?

A. There was one other thing I found kind of funny, I mean, kind of suspicious activity or

racial. This was an incident that when we did start serving warrants, at this time we were serving a

warrant on the supervision of Sergeant Davin, we were looking for a suspect, I believe an ABDW, and we had located that suspect in the Dorchester area

around, somewhere around Adams Street, I can't remember what street it is, one of those side

streets, and he was a white suspect. So we went to the home looking for him. He wasn't present at the

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The officers that went was myself,
Officer Horne, Officer Collander, Officer Chris
Bailey, Officer Steve Romano, and Sergeant Davin.
So Sergeant Davin asked Officer Horne and Officer
Collander to remain at the location that we went to
serve the warrants while we went to an address in
South Boston for the suspect, and I believe he had
gotten the address for South Boston from Sergeant
Detective Keeler.

And I think Sergeant, I know Sergeant Davin informed us that the suspect now, whatever he

Sergeant Davin.

Q. And the other two guys were in the back?

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- A. They were in the back.
- Q. Okay, go ahead.

A. So Sergeant Davin knocked on the door, 5 they refused to open it, I think, at that time. I 6 kept telling Sergeant Davin, I hear the commotion, 7 running, running. I think Sergeant Davin was about 8 to put his foot through the door to make a forced 9 entry, but I'm not sure, but by that time the 10 gentleman came to the door and opened the door, 11 opened the door. 12

So he opened the door, a gentleman 13 came, and he approached us. Sergeant Davin showed 14 him the warrant that we had for this gentleman's 15 arrest. The gentleman said, Yes, he is here, you 16 know, he's here. So we then go into the house to 17 get the suspect. The gentleman asked Sergeant 18 Davin, Will it be all right if I bring the suspect 19 to the South Boston police station tomorrow, and \boldsymbol{I} 20 will turn him in. Sergeant Davin agreed to the 21 terms with the guy. 22

The next day came -- I became a little furious, because I watch us go into black

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did, assault with a deadly weapon, ended up into some kind of murder charge, and I believe Sergeant Keeler now was trying to get a murder warrant on him, but we had an ABDW warrant on him anyways.

So we went to the house, someplace in South Boston, I forget exactly where the location was, myself, Sergeant Davin, Sergeant Bailey, I mean, Officer Bailey, and Officer Romano. So we got to the location, did our usual surround the house that we normally do when we serve warrants, and we knocked on the door of the suspect, and we, I heard a lot of running commotion, so I alerted Officer Bailey and Officer Romano that we believe someone is about to come out the back, we couldn't confirm that, but, you know, from the running, it's a possibility, so kind of alert them to be more alert to the activities, now that we're looking for this guy for murder. I don't know if he knew that we

- were looking for him for murder or not. Q. You alerted that on the radio?
 - A. I don't know; it may have been the radio.
 - Q. Where were you at the time that you heard
- 23 the running in the house?
 - A. I was in the front of the house with

Page 157 communities, we go into homes for lesser charges,

- 2 and we, you know, use derogatory means, tell people,
- 3 Shut the fuck up, sit the fuck down, and all that
- 4 kind of stuff, I hear that kind of stuff coming out
- 5 of your mouth, and then we go for a guy on a murder
- 6 warrant, you know, and Sergeant Keeler had informed
- 7 him that this kid was wanted for murder, and we
- 8 leave him there, and we don't even go in the house
- 9 to check, or nothing, we just turn around and leave.

And so when we get back to the station, I tell Officer Collander what occurred, and he became furious about it, we all became furious about it, because it was just one of those things, so.

- Q. When did this happen, do you recall; you think it was in the fall of '99?
- 17 A. I don't know when. I can almost -- I 18 can't be sure who the suspect was. I want to say 19 his name was George Pappas, I'm not certain that it 20 was, but I want to say that was his name.

MR. ROACH: She asked you the year.

A. Oh, the year; I thought you asked me the name of the suspect. I believe this was in, it may have been 2000, I'm not sure if it was 2001 or not.

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1	what you said?	1	you actually had an assignment was when you went to
2	A. Yes.	2	Lieutenant French and asked for one, other than
3	Q. That black State Police officers and	3	that, you're sitting idle at the base?
4	yourselves sat without assignment or direction in	4	A. Yes, pretty much we were sitting at the
5	the headquarters of the base on Warren Avenue; is	5	base or going out to the schools, you know, he would
6	that correct?	6	send us to the schools with Dave Singletary, and
7	A. Yes.	7	Neva, and Israel, if we asked him, you know, what we
8	Q. For how long did you and the other black	8	need to do.
9	officers sit in the base without any assignments?	9	Q. And who are the black State Police
10	MR. ROACH: You mean, in the day, or	10	officers that you're referencing?
11	month wise, week wise?	11	A. They were Officer Antoine Ramire
12	Q. Well, that's what I'm asking. As I	12	Q. Antoine Ramire?
13	understand your testimony, if I'm wrong, tell me,	13	A. Yes. State Trooper Carlton Jackson
14	from the time you came into the unit in August, '99,	14	Q. Carlton Jackson?
15	you, Officer Brito, Officer Horne and members of the	15	A. Yes. State Trooper Derek Outeridge, State
16	Massachusetts State Police who were also black were	16	Trooper, I want to think it was Arthur Sturbridge,
17	left sitting inside the base with no assignments?	17	or something to that effect, and I believe Sergeant
18	A. Yes.	18	Al Pierce.
19	Q. For how long did that occur?	19	Q. I'm sorry, Hal Pierce?
20	A. Like I said, as far as serving warrants,	20	A. Al Pierce, State Trooper.
21	going on warrant assignments, we did ask Lieutenant	21	Q. And he's a sergeant?
22	French, you know, what he wanted us to do, and he	22	A. Yes.
23	would send us on assignments without Sergeant	23	Q. And he's also black or Hispanic?
24	Bulman. Sergeant Bulman would be out on assignment	24	A. He's black, I believe, black.
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1	with the officers serving warrants.	1	Q. So there are five or six Mass. State

O. Let me understand, you actually did have assignments, but they came from French, and not from Bulman?

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A. Only if we asked Lieutenant French what would he like for us to do, you know, since we are sitting here, I mean, we're sitting here with no assignment. And that occurred, as a matter of fact, the black State Police officers made a comment to me and Horne and Brito, You guys better get used to this, they always come in and leave us here, we don't know what's going on, we're assigned here as a part of the task force, but we just sit here all day long, you might as well get used to that.

Q. At some point were you given assignments to perform on warrant apprehension tasks?

A. Yes, when we brought it up to Sergeant Bulman why we were not assigned folders to do warrants, that's when he signed us the folders.

Q. And how long after you were assigned to the unit did that happen?

A. I would say that probably went on for 22 about, approximately, six to eight weeks. 23

Q. So six to eight weeks, the only time that

Police officers, including the supervisor, who were 3 assigned to the gang unit, but not given any 4 assignments? 5

A. According to them, they were not.

Q. Are there any other instances that you can recall between August of 1999 and December of 1999 that you perceived to be racially discriminatory?

A. Yes, I mean, when those supervisors show that type of favoritism towards white officers and don't show it to black officers, of course it's racial.

Q. Okay. But that's in addition, I'm asking for you, in addition to what you just told me about your perception that Bulman took white officers out and did not take you out until you asked him to, is there anything else that from your perspective demonstrated favoritism to whites over black officers?

MR. ROACH: You're asking him in addition to what he already testified to? MS. HARRIS: That's correct. I don't want to hear what he already testified to.

Q. Just anything else that you have not

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Page 158 I'm not sure, it may have been 2001, it may have 1 been 2000. I don't know, I'm not sure. 2 Q. Was Davin your boss at the time this 3 happened? 4 5 A. Yes, he was. Q. So it was after Bulman had left the unit? 6 7 A. Yes, right. Q. Was it -- strike that. 8 MR. ROACH: Objection. I don't think 9 Davin left the unit; he left the day tour. 10 O. Or Bulman left the day tour? 11 A. And Bulman became the sergeant of the 12 13 detectives.

become the day sergeant of the warrant apprehension unit?

Q. So this was after Sergeant Davin had

16 unit?17 A. Yes.

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Q. Whenever you were working serving warrants, arrest warrants, did you ever get asked by suspects if they could turn themselves in or clear up the warrant on their own?

22 A. I have never been personally asked that, 23 no.

Q. Have you ever told anybody that rather

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Q. I think you had described an incident in Charlestown where you said an individual was allowed to, was not arrested on the scene, but was allowed to clear up or turn themselves in to the Court later on; is that correct?

A. No, I did not say.

Q. Okay, then maybe I misunderstood, I'm
sorry. I thought you told me about an incident with
Chris Bailey --

A. No.

Q. -- where they went to a housing project in Charlestown. Okay. Strike it. If I'm misunderstanding, then forget it.

Are there any other events that you can think of that occurred just between August and December of 1999 that you interpreted as being racially hostile or racially discriminatory toward any person, including yourself?

MR. ROACH: Objection.

A. There were events that I didn't find very fun when I observed. I would go down to the detectives unit sometimes with information to give to Detective Fratalia or Detective Waggett or

24 Sergeant Bulman on certain information that we may

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than be arrested on the warrant that you would let them go to court or let them come in and clear it up on their own?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Is this something that happened with great frequency in your mind in the youth violence strike force that individuals were not arrested on warrants, but were told that they could clear them up on their own?

MR. ROACH: You mean white individuals?

Q. Any individuals, white or black, Asian, Hispanic, anything?

MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

A. I can't say for sure. I mean, any suspect that we arrested on a warrant, I mean, some officers may have had a practice of doing that, I don't know, they may have, but any suspects that we arrest, we would arrest those suspects even if they would only be information resources, we still arrest them, and let them clear the arrest up with the Court,

let them clear the arrest up with the Court, anything they want to provide at that time, we let

them provide it. No, as far as, no, turn themselves

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receive on the street that would probably be more of an investigation by the detectives as opposed to officers, so we would pass that information along to them.

And I would sometimes see them pull

And I would sometimes see them pull suspects out of the terminal and hold them up, refer to each other, Do you know this monkey, or, How about this monkey. And one time I said to them, You know, some certain people would find calling suspects the name "monkey" as offensive. And I think one of them stated, Well, we didn't say porch monkey, Ron.

Q. I'm sorry, We didn't say what?

A. Porch monkey.

Q. What does that mean?

A. Well, porch monkey used to be a term that they used to refer to in the slavery days about blacks, I guess in the service of the house, or something, and they were more the house servants, and they're supposed to be the good blacks, as opposed to the field servants, the bad blacks, so they refer to them as porch monkeys. I don't know where that term, I don't know if it originated more under the black culture or the white culture, I

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that. Q. I'll rephrase the question. Tell me, Officer Brown, everything that occurred between yourself and Sergeant Bulman that you interpreted as being racially discriminatory or harassing from August of 1999 up until the point that you had a meeting with Lieutenant French to discuss strategies at Dorchester High School?

MR. ROACH: Other than what he's already talked about?

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- Q. Other than what you've already talked about, and if you want to cover that ground again, be my guest.
- A. The only thing I can state is like I previously stated, that the separation that he allowed to occur in the unit between the officers, the way he worked with certain officers, officers of color weren't allowed to do certain things that officers, that white officers were, and he allowed that.

Another thing I can think of off my 21 head, as previously stated, when he first arrived, 22 he allowed our white colleagues to immediately work 23 directly with the experienced officers, but left us 24

Bulman didn't want any more black officers on the 1 2 day shift?

- A. Sometimes under circumstances actions speak louder than words.
- Q. Okay. Is it a yes or a no, anybody ever tell you that Sergeant Bulman didn't want any more black officers on the day shift?

MR. ROACH: Objection. When?

Q. Ever?

MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

A. No, I must say to that, no.

Q. Is there anything else other than what you've described about Sergeant -- or strike that.

Did Sergeant Bulman ever have occasion to critique your work, again, in the time between August of 1999 and the time that you had the meeting with Lieutenant French to discuss Dorchester High School?

MR. ROACH: Objection. Do you mean an occasion meaning an opportunity, or did he? MS. HARRIS: Did he?

A. Later on after he assigned us the warrant of the Brantly case he stated it was a good warrant, he told us we do good work later on, I mean, after

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- sitting there, I find that a little offensive, and that could be because we were black officers, and he 2 didn't want more black officers on the day shift; I 4 don't know, it could be. 5
 - Q. Did he ever tell you that?
 - A. He didn't directly said that, no.
 - Q. And is there anything other than the fact that you feel that you weren't riding with white officers or getting the same attention as white officers that leads you to believe that Sergeant Bulman didn't want any more black officers on the day shift?
 - A. Well, I --

MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

A. I can fairly say, I mean, it was implied. I mean, you have a team of white officers serving warrants, and the day shift was a warrant apprehension team, we were not an anticrime unit; that was the night crew, they were anticrime. We were strictly mostly warrant apprehension, but rather than having us to participate in the warrant apprehension, the three black officers wind up participating in anticrime.

Q. Did anybody ever tell you that Sergeant

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he found out that we were, I did, on the Brantly 1 case, he said, You officers did good work. He never 2 critiqued us in a negative way; is that what you're 3 4 saying?

- Q. Any kind of critique; did he ever tell you that you were not doing a good job?
 - A. No, he did not.
- Q. Did he ever tell you that you were being too secretive in your work?

A. The only time I, once again, the only time I heard that out of Sergeant Bulman's mouth was an incident that occurred, once again, in Hyde Park, when we were under the direct supervision of Sergeant Paul Murphy, actually, that was a suspect by the name of Pendral Coakley.

MS. TIERNEY: Can you speak up? I can't hear you.

A. Pendral, P E N D R A L, Coakley, I believe it's spelled C O A K L E Y, and we had given the TK-19 information on the suspect, his whereabouts, his location, and they had set up surveillance to try to find this suspect, and they did not -- they had set up a surveillance on a Saturday, they were watching the suspect, but the suspect never appeared

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where they thought he would appear, so they canceled the evidence surveillance.

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The next day sources phoned us, phoned me and told me that this suspect was about to leave town, preparing to leave town, and he was at this certain location, same location that the TK-19 had set up surveillance on the day prior.

So we called him in to Sergeant Paul Murphy because he was the supervisor that morning, and told him the scenario surrounding this case. Sergeant Paul Murphy authorized me to go and set up on the location until the other officers got there, make sure he didn't leave, watch the location until they arrived, and I did. So when they arrived, we arrested the suspect. We got to -- a couple of officers got hurt in the process of arresting the suspect.

- Q. I'm sorry, a couple of officers got hurt in the process?
 - A. Yes, arresting the suspect. MR. ROACH: Is that a yes?
 - A. Yes, I'm sorry, yes. And Sergeant Bulman
- 22 became furious at Officer Horne and I because we 23 arrested the suspect. 24

- Page 184 Page 182 information. So we explained to Sergeant Bulman 1
 - that if you had, if you read the Lotus Notes 2
 - 3 database that you trained us to use and put
 - information in as an intelligence tool, you would 4
 - have known that that information was there, it's all 5
 - there, right inside the Lotus information base about 6 this suspect, everything we found out about it, we 7
 - placed it there. We also had informed the TK-19 8 about his whereabouts the day prior, which they did 9
 - set up on him, but he just never showed up. O. Did Sergeant Bulman express to you any
 - sense that officers were injured because you had not shared information? A. Prior to the arrest of the suspect we
 - shared that information with the supervisor on duty, which was Sergeant Paul Murphy. It was Sergeant Paul Murphy's decision to execute that warrant, not mine or not Stevie Horne's.
 - Q. Okay. But the question is, did Sergeant Bulman raise any concerns about officers getting hurt because you hadn't shared information?
 - A. No, he did not.
 - Q. He did not? 23
 - A. No.

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- Q. How did you know he was furious?
- A. Well, he called.
- Q. He called you?
- A. He called to the base and spoke to Stevie Horne. Stevie Horne came back and relayed the information to me what he had said to him.
 - Q. And what did he say?
- A. That we should have waited until he came in to arrest the suspect. Well, we told him, We are working today, the TK-19 is off, they're off duty, so if we had waited for the TK-19 to come in on Monday morning, the suspect would have been far gone.
- Q. Did you ever actually speak with Sergeant Bulman yourself?
- A. Yes, the next day, he came in that Monday, he called Stevie Horne and I and started once again using his demeanor, tone, stating that, Well, you guys, you guys failed to share information, you shouldn't have arrested this guy, this is TK-19's case, this and that, and you guys are too secretive of --
 - Q. You guys are too?
 - A. Too secretive, you fail to share

Page 185 Q. Did that conversation with Sergeant Bulman occur prior to the discussion with Lieutenant French regarding Dorchester High School?

- A. Without the records I can't answer that; the date of arrest, I cannot answer that.
- Q. Are there any other instances, again, prior to the discussion with Lieutenant French, where Sergeant Bulman informed you that he didn't feel that you had done a good job or had any problems with your work performance?
- A. There was one incident with the Bobby Brantly case.
 - Q. Is this one we've already talked about?
- A. You didn't ask me Sergeant Bulman's intentions on it.
 - Q. Go ahead, okay.
- A. This is another suspect that we had been searching for, I guess he had been in the youth violence strike force warrant list for about three years, and he was wrecking a lot of havoc within the community with guns and all that type of stuff. So this was a case that Sergeant Bulman when we talked about assigning cases, he assigned it to Horne and I.

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Q. I'm going to move now to the beginning of 2001, or, excuse me, of 2000, and, specifically, I want to turn your attention to the meeting that Lieutenant French held with regard to strategies in Dorchester High.

MS. HARRIS: Steve, do you have a question?

MR. ROACH: Yes, I don't know if he answered a question that you asked. You asked if there were any documents he could review to refresh his memories like Lotus Notes or one-ones. I don't know if he answered that question. You started talking about Operation Impact, and I'm not sure that, I mean, you can leave it as you want, I just don't know if that's something you want an answer to.

MS. HARRIS: All I want the answer to is what is in his mind.

MR. ROACH: Fine. Go ahead, let's move forward, then.

MS. HARRIS: That's all I care about.

Q. Turning your attention to February of 2001 and a meeting that you had that occurred with Lieutenant French. First of all, do you know what

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Q. Officer Brown, I'm going to ask you to look at page 16, actually, starting on page 15 of your interrogatories, interrogatory answers, that's

4 interrogatory No. 6, which asks you to describe the

5 facts, the factual basis for your allegation that

6 white officers voiced racially derogatory remarks,7 and asking you, essentially, when and where. And on

page 16 in the second, or the first full paragraphyou state that, White officers expressed racial

prejudice at a meeting between officers and commanders of the unit in or around March of 20

commanders of the unit in or around March of 2000; do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, in your answer are you referring to the meeting that occurred between Lieutenant French and other officers in the gang unit about Dorchester High School?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. And you were not present for that meeting?

A. No, I was not.

Q. So where does your information come from about what happened at that meeting?

A. The next day when I came in, that following Monday, Officer Brito informed me about

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A. A meeting that occurred in 2001, February of 2001?

Q. Excuse me, 2000, I apologize. I can show you -- off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

- Q. A meeting occurred in February, or thereabouts, February of 2000, with Lieutenant French with regard to Dorchester High School; is that fair to say?
- A. Yes, on or about February, March, somewhere in that area.
- Q. Can you tell me everything that you recall about that meeting? First of all, were you present for that meeting?
 - A. I was not present at that meeting.
- Q. Okay. You were not present for that meeting?

A. No.

Q. Okay. Are you aware that a meeting occurred subsequent -- strike that.

MS. HARRIS: Off the record for a

23 second.24

(Discussion off the record.)

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the information that had taken place concerning this
incident.

Q. Did Officer Brito tell you that at that meeting officers referred to people within the communities as animals, slobs, murderers, rapists, living in unsanitary homes with rats and roaches, and that they would not send their dogs to school with?

A. Yes.

Q. That's from Officer Brito?

A. Yes, Officer Brito.

Q. Did Officer Brito tell you who said this?

A. He announced to me who, the people that were present.

Q. Did he tell you who made -- excuse me. Go ahead, I didn't mean to cut you off.

A. Yes, he specified what officers said certain things.

Q. What officers said that people within the communities were animals, slobs, murderers, and rapists?

A. He stated that came from Officer Bailey, Gerard Bailey.

Q. And that was statements that Officer

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Page 206 Bailey, Gerard Bailey, made in the meeting with Lieutenant French?

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- Q. Who stated that people were living in homes with rats and roaches?
- A. He stated that came from Officer Steven Ridge.
- Q. And who said that they wouldn't send their dogs to schools with those people?
- A. He stated that statement came from Officer Bobby Fratalia.
- Q. What happened next after Officer Brito gave you this information?
- A. He gave me -- he seemed like he was a 14 little bit upset about it. He told me, Did Horne 15 say anything to you about it; I said, No, I didn't 16 see --
 - Q. I'm sorry?
- A. He stated to me, Officer Horne didn't tell 19 you about it. 20
 - Q. Officer Horne didn't tell you about it?
 - A. Yes, and I said, No, I haven't seen
- Officer Horne. And I think while he was telling me, 23
- I believe Officer Grice came in, she had said 24

had some concerns about it also. And he told us 1 that he had said something to Lieutenant French about it right after the meeting. He told me he had 3 stated, or told me right after the meeting that he 4 didn't like the comments made, I guess that must 5 have been on a Sunday, because Officer Horne did not 6 come in that Monday, so he must have expressed that 7 Sunday. I'm not sure what day, you know, or what 8

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- Q. So Officer Horne told you that he had expressed displeasure to Lieutenant French at some point?
- 13 A. Yes.

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O. What happened next?

A. I think Officer Singletary made a comment something like, This has been going on long enough, you know, it's time for us to do something about this, this has been going on too long. So I think that he went and spoke to Lieutenant French about it, and after he spoke to Lieutenant French, I don't know if he was satisfied or not, because I recall the night shift came in, and he asked for all the officers to come into a room --

Q. "He" who?

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something to me about it also, and asked me had I heard about it, and I told her no more than what I was informed by Officer Brito about it.

Q. What happened next?

- A. I think the next day Officer Horne came in he was still a little upset about it.
- Q. Did you call Officer Horne after speaking to Officer Grice and Officer Brito?
 - A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you speak to anybody other than Officer Grice and Officer Brito on that Monday about what had occurred at the meeting over the weekend?
- A. I believe Officer Singletary came in, and Officer Grice and Brito expressed it to him while I was standing there in the hallway about it, Officer David Singletary. They expressed their concerns to him, and he became upset about it.
- Q. And did you speak with anybody other than Officers Singletary, Grice, and Brito about what had happened at the meeting over the weekend?
- A. Yes, I believe we did that night. I think, I can't recall if Officer Horne came in that Tuesday, I think this was a Tuesday that they were stating all this. I believe Officer Horne may have

A. Officer Singletary.

Q. Okay.

A. -- to respond to the room, he told all them about it, and they got together, and they all discussed it, and they were all thinking about talking about how long it had been going on, and they're pretty much tired of it, sick of it, too, it's time to do something about it. And they just stated that this was going on long before you all came up here, we just never did anything about it. So, actually, I think they nominated Officer Grea Brown and Officer Vance Mill to speak to the Superior Officers about it, because I believe at the time they may have been the most seniority officers in the unit at that time.

- Q. Greg Brown has been in that unit since 1993, right, or thereabouts?
 - A. Pretty much, yes.
- Q. What happened next?
- A. The next day after all this Lieutenant 20
- French and Sergeant Bulman approach Officer Brito, 21
- Officer Horne, and myself, and they had about a --22 we went into a room, and we discussed all of this, 23
- and they pretty much talked about hard feelings, all 24

Page 220 Page 218 those, that such meetings occurred at headquarters? A. You're asking me do I have any knowledge 1 1 A. Afterwards I was aware of it. of speaking to Sergeant Bulman myself? 2 2 Q. When did you become aware of it? 3 O. Yes, yourself? 3 A. I think after we had the meeting at Park A. Other than with Lieutenant French? 4 4 Square, I believe, after that. Q. Other than with Lieutenant French? 5 5 Q. Do you remember when the meeting in Park 6 A. No, not at that time. 6 7 Square was? Q. Do you have a memory of -- strike that. 7 Are you aware that there were a number of, whether A. I can't remember the exact date, no. 8 8 Q. If I suggest it was in late spring or or not there were a number of meetings held at 9 9 Boston headquarters in response to the concerns that early summer of 2000, does that sound right to you? 10 10 A. I would say, yes, that sounds right, yes. were raised in the gang unit? 11 11 O. So the first time you learned that there A. I was unaware of it for awhile. I think 12 12 may have been meetings at headquarters about the Greg informed us that they were having such meetings 13 13 issue surrounding the tensions in the gang unit was 14 about this problem. 14 sometime later after the Park Square or after the 15 Q. Greg? 15 Park Plaza training sessions? 16 A. Greg Brown. 16 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead. Q. Informed you that meetings were being held 17 17 A. That may have been, there may have been 18 at headquarters? 18 talks in the unit, you know, among the officers, 19 A. Yes. 19 certain activities were unfolding because of this. Q. What did he tell you about meetings at 20 20 There was talk among officers at that meeting. 21 headquarters? 21 Q. I mean, people talk; right? 22 A. That they were having meetings, didn't 22 tell me any specifics about what the meetings were A. Yes. 23 23 Q. Do you remember anybody talking to you 24 24 about. Page 219 specifically about meetings that had happened at 1 1 2

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- Q. Did you know that they were about the issues that had been raised about racial tensions in the gang unit?
- A. No, I did not. I was going to assume. He didn't say they were necessarily directly related to
- Q. But you assumed that they were related to these issues?
- A. Yes, because Lieutenant French made it 9 known that he was going to let them know exactly 10 what was going on. 11
- Q. Did Greg tell you that he had been present 12 for those meetings? 13
 - A. No, he did not.
- Q. Did you ask Greg how he knew about the 15 meetings at headquarters? 16
 - A. No, I did not.
- 17 Q. Did anybody else in the unit tell you that 18 they had been present at meetings at headquarters 19 with Lieutenant French or any other members of the 20 command staff to talk about the issues that had been 21 brought up at the gang unit? 22
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Q. As you sit here today, are you aware that

headquarters, either people who had been present or people who heard about things that had occurred at the meeting at headquarters?

MR. ROACH: Objection. I think he's already talked about Greg Brown. You mean, in addition to that?

Q. In addition to that? MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

A. I'm not aware of any specific officer. I mean, like I said, there was talk amongst lots of officers, I mean, indicating that, I mean, sometimes officers at roll call would probably say something bringing up that there are things going on concerning that.

- Q. So did you know anything other than things were going on?
- A. No, not necessarily, no more than what Lieutenant French informed us of.
- O. What's the next thing that you remember, that you recall happening after Greg and Vance Mills said that they were considering taking their concerns to Deputy Dowd? Do you know if they did take their concerns to Deputy Dowd?